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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

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1. When you asked for possible agenda topics for the spring meeting of the Security Affairs Support Association (SASA), it was my understanding that you were going to attempt to focus on technology gaps that are or should be of concern to the Intelligence Community. I am quite sure there are a number of areas that can be fruitfully explored in the collection side of our business, but for the past few years I have been concerned with the need for a corporate sense of direction and a major influx of ideas in the generic area of information handling and processing. The modest initiatives previously submitted by ORD represent only a small portion of the required investment and they are focused only on those areas that have eventual patronage within the Agency.

2. We are rapidly approaching that point in time when the all-source analyst can be totally inundated by the collectors/processors to the point they will do little analysis, but instead have to focus on organizing the information to support that analysis.

3. There are currently recognized technology gaps some of which are being systematically addressed. Others are not being addressed at all, but perhaps more importantly the Community and the Agency seems to lack a sense of direction and/or focus. I am not sure if this topic would be of interest to the SASA, but I think it warrants at least some consideration.

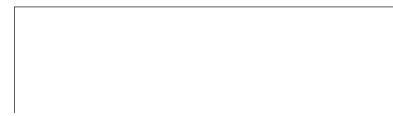


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